

To: City Council

Date: March 10, 2016

From: Tex Bradford

Re: Jet Vac Truck Bids

Advertisements for bids were published for a 2016 Jet Vac truck. Four bids were received ranging from \$292,473.01 to \$334,692.00. None of the 4 bids met a 100% of specifications advertised with some meeting less than others. The Bid Tab is attached for your review. \$350,000 has been approved by council in the 2016 budget. A 50/50 split of the cost of the Jet Vac truck is between the Water Department page 104 of the 2016 budget 25-4202-9956 and the Wastewater Collection Department page 111 of the 2016 budget 30-4204-9956 as both departments utilize this equipment.

The two low bids were submitted by Neverest Equipment of Commerce City. Both bids had more exceptions to the specifications than the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest bid submitted by Farris Machinery of Grand Junction.

Farris Machinery and Williams Equipment provided demonstration units for our crews to operate. Neverest Equipment did not provide a demonstration unit and we are not familiar with the manufacturer of the unit. Both the Neverest Units bid the truck chassis with less horsepower than the specified a minimum of 430 horsepower. One was 370 Horsepower and the other was 410 horsepower. Staff is not recommending awarding the bid to Neverest due to the lack of horsepower bid and our unfamiliarity with this brand. Farris and Williams bid was for horsepower that exceeded the minimum 430 advertised.

Farris Machinery submitted the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest bid for the amount of \$328,900.00 and had fewer exceptions to the advertised specifications than the others. None of the exceptions are deemed to be extraordinary by staff and are minor in nature. Staff recommends council approval for staff to award the 2016 Jet Vac truck bid to Farris Machinery for an amount not to exceed \$328,900 after trade in. Farris Machinery is located in Grand Junction, Colorado.